

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 6

## 91<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2       **Whereas**, the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Army Corps of  
3 Engineers plan to continue the practice of increasing the flow of the Missouri River in the spring and  
4 reducing the flow of the Missouri River in the summer and fall of each year; and

5       **Whereas**, such practice results in an increase in river levels in the spring which creates  
6 a greater risk of flooding along the Missouri River and causes a decrease in river levels in late summer  
7 and fall resulting in a reduction in barge traffic on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers; and

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9       **Whereas**, these regulatory practices of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service and the  
10 United States Army Corps of Engineers have a severe impact on any industry which uses the Missouri  
11 River to transport products and cause flooding in river communities and on farm land in the Missouri  
12 and lower Mississippi River basins; and

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14       **Whereas**, the governors of the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and  
15 Montana have supported the practices of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States  
16 Army Corps of Engineers because these regulatory practices benefit those states by allowing them to  
17 hold water in their federal reservoirs on the Missouri River during the summer; and

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19       **Whereas**, the regulatory practices of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service and the United  
20 States Army Corps of Engineers does not adequately address the concerns and needs of states in the  
21 lower Missouri and Mississippi River basins; and

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23       **Whereas**, the Missouri departments of natural resources and transportation have opposed  
24 the regulations of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Army Corps of Engineers  
25 and have taken actions to reduce the negative impacts of these regulatory practices on the state's river  
26 communities, lands and businesses;

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28       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
29 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, with the Senate concurring  
30 therein, hereby urge the Governor to protest against the regulatory practice of the Federal Fish and  
31 Wildlife Service and United States Army Corps of Engineers to control the flow of the Missouri River  
32 in such a manner which negatively impacts the state of Missouri; and  
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34       **Be it further resolved** that the members of the General Assembly urge the  
35 Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Conservation and the Department of Transportation  
36 to continue their efforts to lessen the negative impacts of these regulatory practices on the state's river  
37 communities, lands and businesses; and  
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39       **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be  
40 instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Federal Fish and Wildlife  
41 Service, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Governor, the Director of the Department of  
42 Natural Resources, the Director of the Department of Conservation and the Director of the Department  
43 of Transportation.